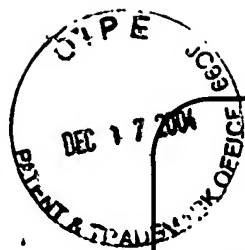


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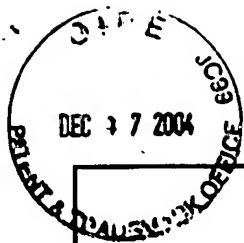
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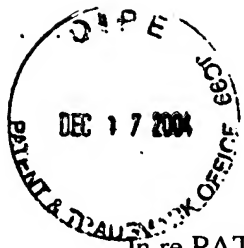
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 9, 2004, applicant hereby submits that the basis for the Notice is incorrect for the reasons presented below.

The applicant filed an Amendment dated November 24, 2004 that included amendments to the specification and claims. The figures were not amended by this Amendment. Applicant also submitted formal drawings along with this amendment in place of the informal drawings originally filed with this application. The formal drawings were filed with the

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amendment to avoid paying extra postage fees. Again, no changes were made between the informal drawings and the formal drawings.

The Patent Office apparently misinterpreted the submission of the formal drawings along with the Amendment as an attempt to amend the drawings, and because the Amendment lacked the proper technical requirements to amend the drawing considered the Amendment to be non-compliant. As noted above, this conclusion was incorrect. Because the submission of formal drawings were not an attempt to amend the drawings, the Amendment correctly did not include the technical requirements, such as replacement sheets. Thus, the November 24, 2004 was in compliance with all Patent Office requirements. Accordingly, applicant requests that the Notice of Non-Compliance be withdrawn and that the formal drawings filed on November 24, 2004 be approved.

This response is being filed within the one-month statutory response period which expires on January 9, 2005. In addition, no additional claim fees are believed to be required as a result of the above amendments to the claims. Nevertheless, the Commission is authorized to charge the any fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 to deposit account no. 50-0558.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

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